

American Fencing

1953 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by M. A. de Capriles, Bout Committee Chairman

This championship tournament set a record for the "off year" following the Olympics, with a total of 198 individual contestants and 44 teams competing in the 9 events. Except for the Pacific Coast which had its smallest entry in years, every section of the United States was well represented and a pleasant international flavor was added by the participation of a strong group of our Canadian friends from Montreal. Although the New York Metropolitan group won the majority of the honors as usual, the final results showed the widest geographical distribution of prizes in the memory of veteran observers, as fencers from Illinois, Michigan, Montreal, Philadelphia, and Southern California carried home a record number of medals.

For New York the top individual performers were the two defending champions who retained their crowns: Dr. Daniel Bukantz of the Fencers Club in foil and Dr. Tibor Nyilas of the Salle Santelli in sabre. The Salle Santelli dominated the team events winning in epee, sabre and 3-weapon, while the Fencers Club took the foil. The Saltus Club's third place in the foil team was gained at the expense of the N.Y.A.C. which was shut out of the prizes for the first time in history.

The Michigan Division covered itself with glory. Paula Sweeney won a popular victory in the Women's Individual and led the Salle de Tuscan to first place in the team event. Dick Berry finished a strong third in epee and spark plugged the division's composite team to third place in the epee and 3-weapon. Sallye Chambers and Byron Krieger starred in the team events and reached the individual finals. In addition a high school girls' team from Lapeer, and particularly 14-year-old Judy Goodrich, showed great promise for the future. From Illinois, Donald Thompson of the University Club won the epee title and helped John Westley and Tom Legeza capture third place in the sabre team from a favored Fencers Club squad. The Canadian contingent also took two places: Ed Brooke, the Dominion champion, was runner up in epee and the Montreal F. C., led by undefeated Eva Kuhn and veteran Jar-mila Vokral, won the bronze medals in the Women's team over a strong Salle

Santelli entry. The Philadelphia Division's quartet of Frank Bartone, Dick Dyer, Paul Makler and Bob Parmacek retained its second place in the sabre team and Makler also made the finals in both foil and sabre. In the Women's Individual, dominated by Southern California for several years, that division's lone entry was defending champion Maxine Mitchell who kept up her splendid record by placing second this year.

The schedule calling for two days for each individual event proved generally popular. So did the system of granting a liberal number of first-round byes to top ranking fencers which provided ample opportunity for hard competition among the second flight. However, there were many ties for qualification in the various elimination rounds and the rule for resolving such ties by counting touches was widely criticized; perhaps for the National Championships we should follow the Olympic rule of fencing-off ties for qualifying places.

The tournament was extremely successful from another viewpoint. The competition was hard but the highest spirit of sportsmanship prevailed. The whole series of events was remarkably free of unpleasant incidents. Nevertheless, there is still a serious problem in obtaining a sufficient number of able officials who are not competing. Our outstanding internationalists did their share and more, but they were overworked. For this reason it was gratifying to witness the exceptionally fine directing of Sewall Shurtz in the foil team final, Dick Dyer in the sabre individual final and the very competent performances of Ray Chambers, Byron Krieger, Paul Makler, Lazlo Pongo, and Sam Rubinstein in less dramatic spots.

WOMEN'S TEAM—11 Teams

The Salle de Tuscan, after surviving a close call against Salle Santelli 5-4 in the semi-finals, dropped the first two bouts of the final and then scored 5 consecutive victories to win the championship from the Fencers Club's top seeded team. Paula Sweeney's 3 victories featured the upset. The Montreal F. C. turned back Santelli 5-4 for third place as Eva Kuhn, former Hungarian Olympic star, finished the day's fencing with a string of 12 consecutive victories.

Qualifying Round (Two from each pool)

2 Byes: Fencers Club and Montreal F.C.

Pool I—Lapeer H.S. (Goodrich 3-0, Thomas 2-1, Fernea 2-1) def. **Montclair T.C.** (Kopp 2-1, Heyes 0-3, Hoon 0-3) 7/2; **Salle Santelli** (Cohen 3-0, Drungis 3-0, Shaff 2-1) def. **Montclair T.C.** (Kopp 1-2, Hayes 0-3, Hoon 0-3) 8/1.

Pool II—Illinois Div. (Thompson 3-0, Van Camp 2-1, Richie 0-3) def. **Paterson S.T.C.** (Miller 2-1, Monaco 1-2, Murad 1-2) 5/4; **Paterson S.T.C.** (Murad 2-1, Monaco 2-1, Miller 2-1) def. **Washington F. C.** (Nielsen 3-0, Wagener 0-3, Salisbury 0-3) 6/3; **Illinois Div.** (Thompson 2-0, Richier 2-0, Van Camp 1-1) def. **Washington F. C.** (Nielsen 1-1, Wagener 0-2, Salisbury 0-2) 5/1.

Pool III—Hunter Coll. (Feigelman 3-0, Rosenbaum 3-0, Knab 2-1) def. **Northern Ohio Div.** (Myrna Papurt 1-2, Myrel Papurt 0-3, default 3), 8/1; **Salle de Tuscan** (Christensen 2-0, Chambers 2-0, Sweeney 2-0) def. **Northern Ohio Div.** (Myrna Papurt 0-3, Myrel Papurt 0-3) 6/0.

QUARTER FINAL (Two from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Salle de Tuscan (Sweeney 3-0, Chambers 2-1, Christensen 2-1) def. Hunter College (Feigelman 2-1, Knab 0-3, Rosenbaum 0-3), 7/2; (2) Fencers Club (Millstein 3-0, Doershuk 2-1, Funke 2-1) def. Illinois Div. (Thompson 2-1, Van Camp 0-3, Richier 0-3) 7/2; (3) Salle de Tuscan (Sweeney 2-0, Chambers 2-0, Christensen 2-0) def. Illinois Div. (Thompson 0-2, Van Camp 0-2, Richier 0-2) 6/0. (4) Fencers Club (Dalton 2-0, Doershuk 2-0, Funke 1-2) def. Hunter Coll. (Knab 1-1, Feigelman 1-1, Rosenbaum 0-3) 5/2.

Pool II—(1) Montreal F.C. (Kun 3-0, Vokral 3-0, Laws 1-2) defeated Paterson S.T.C. (Murad 1-2, Miller 1-2, Monaco 0-3) 7/2; (2) Salle Santelli (Cohen 3-0, Shaff 3-0, Drungis 3-0) def. Lapeer H.S. (Goodrich 0-3, Fernea 0-3, Thomas 0-3) 9/0; (3) Salle Santelli (Cohen 3-0, Drungis 3-0, Shaff 3-0) def. Paterson F.C. (Murad 0-3, Miller 0-3, Monaco 0-3) 9/0; (4) Montreal F.C. (Kun 3-0, Vokral 3-0, Laws 1-2) def. Lapeer H.S. (Goodrich 1-2, Thomas 1-2, Fernea 0-3) 7/2.

SEMI-FINALS (Direct Elimination)

(1) Salle de Tuscan (Sweeney 2-1, Chambers 2-1, Christensen 1-2) def. Salle Santelli (Drungis 3-0, Cohen 1-2, Shaff 0-3) 5/4; (2) Fencers Club (Dalton 2-1, Millstein 2-1, Funke 1-2) def. Montreal F.C. (Kun 3-0, Vokral 1-2, Laws 0-3), 5/4.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Montreal F.C. (Kun 3-0, Vokral 2-1, Laws 0-3) def. Salle Santelli (Cohen 2-1, Drungis 1-2, Shaff 1-2) 5/4.

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Salle de Tuscan (Sweeney 3-0, Chambers 1-1, Christensen 1-1) def. Fencers Club (Millstein 1-1, Dalton 1-2, Doershuk 0-2) 5/2.

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Honorary Membership For Pieter Mijer

The Board of Governors has elected Pieter Mijer to Honorary Membership in the AFLA. This unusual honor has to our knowledge never been conferred on a still-active competitor but then Pieter Mijer is a very unusual person; he is probably the oldest top-notch competitor in any sport and last year at the age of 72 he placed second in the Masters Epee event.

Pieter has been fencing since he was ten years old. He came to this country after the first World War and for many years gave unstintingly of his time and money to support and encourage fencing in the metropolitan area. He represented Holland in two Olympic Games and in this country has scored many impressive victories including the National Outdoor and Veterans' Three-Weapon Championships. Throughout his 32 years in the AFLA he has earned the respect and affection of all who have been privileged to know him, and the ovation he received on Gala Night when the Membership was presented was in itself an eloquent and touching tribute. Pieter was too overwhelmed to say anything at the time of the presentation, and has addressed the following letter to the members of the League:

"I am writing this letter to thank all the members of the A.F.L.A. for the honor bestowed upon me. I should have liked to thank everyone personally, but of course this is not possible. I am wondering, therefore, if it would be possible to have this letter printed in American Fencing so that in this manner every member of the League gets my direct personal thanks.

I wish it were possible to turn the clock back on these 32 years and start all over again. What a job could be done, with all I have learned in that time, and how happy I would be to do it once more, and better this time.

Sincerely,
Pieter Mijer"

—J.R.deC.

READY

Volume III, fully indexed, has now been bound. Copies are available at \$5. but supply is limited. Get one for your library and have a complete record of events and articles of interest.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Hugo Castello has been appointed fencing master for a large group of members of the Metropolitan Opera Company under a program sponsored by the K. Long Trust and supervised by the Metropolitan Opera.

Eddy Luccia, who has been developing many excellent fencers, will be the new coach at C.C.N.Y. to succeed Mr. James Montague. This latest assignment will bring Eddy the recognition he so richly deserves.

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DONALD S. THOMPSON

Our Vice-President for the Mid West, Donald S. Thompson, has been made first vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

MRS.

We know all fencers join us in extending best wishes to Polly Craus and Eve Cohen. Polly was married in May and is now Mrs. August (confusing, isn't it?). Eve was married right after the Nationals and is now Mrs. Siegel. We hope they'll both be very happy and will continue to star on our fencing strips.

1972 OLYMPIAN

Robert Tibor Nyilas, five-month-old son of our sabre champion and his charming wife Eleanor, is a cinch for the 1972 Team. We understand that Tibor is conditioning him by yelling "Ho-ley!" as he fleches back and forth in the nursery.

CORRECTION

In our last issue we reported that the All Eastern Intermediate Foil title had been won by Arthur Spingarn. The title was actually won by Allan Kwartler of the Salle Santelli and Spingarn placed second. Our apologies to Al Kwartler and the Salle Santelli.

"SAM" COLE RETIRES

Samuel J. Cole, one of fencing's most enthusiastic and sincere friends, recently imparted the sad news that his health will prevent him from fencing again. With the spirit which has typified his 30 years in the sport, he requested that I dispose of all his fencing equipment and donate the proceeds to a fencing cause. This has been done and the AFLA International Fund has been enriched.

Sam learned to fence at M.I.T. In his Junior year, 1925, he won the New England Sabre Championship, and in 1926 was varsity captain. After graduation he moved to New York and joined the Fencers Club where has was a contemporary of such other luminaries as Henry Breckinridge, Leon Schoonmaker and Harold Van Buskirk. He became very active in the affairs of the AFLA and the Inter-collegiate Fencing Association and in 1932 was Assistant Manager of the Olympic Team. A veteran of World War I, he was recalled to duty in Washington at the outbreak of War II and served as a Major. He joined the Washington Fencers Club and has been active in that organization ever since.

The retirement of Sam Cole is a great loss to us but we know he will continue to be one of our most loyal and valuable friends.

—Harold Newton

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Official AFLA Notes

The Annual AFLA Meeting

The meeting had what is probably the largest attendance ever. Since the checking and count of proxies took considerable time, there was a full debate on the proposed Associate Membership and a discussion of general problems existing throughout the country. Divisional reports were received from Mr. Baird (Gulf Coast), Mr. Velasco (Illinois), Mr. Krieger (Michigan), Mrs. Brewster (New England), Mr. Fried (Northern Ohio), Mr. Bickley (North Texas), Mr. Burrell (Philadelphia), Mrs. Mitchell (Southern California), Dr. Salzberg (Washington, D. C.), and Mr. Schwartz (Western New York). Mr. Shurtz reported activities in Hawaii. Films of the Olympic Games, taken by Allan Kwartler and James Strauch, were shown.

The Secretary reported that there were 36 Divisions (28 active and 8 inactive) and that there had been a decrease of 187 active and life members and an increase of 86 student members.

A minute of silence was observed as tribute to F. Barnard O'Connor and Gano Dunn, prominent League members who died recently.

New Officers

Since there was only one nominee for each office at the time of the meeting, the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the following to hold office during the 1953-54 season: Jose R. de Capriles, President; Edward Carfagno, Vice-President; Donald S. Thompson, 2nd. Vice-President; Dr. Paul T. Makler, 3d. Vice-President; Ralph Goldstein, Secretary; Rudolph J. Ozol, Treasurer; Tracy Jaeckel, Foreign Secretary.

Nominating Committee

The following were elected to the Nominating Committee for 1954-55 National officers: Dr. James H. Flynn of New Jersey, Chairman; Albert Axelrod of New York, Jack Baird of Texas, James Campoli of Michigan, David Rice of California and Calvert Schlick of Maryland.

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by Ralph Goldstein, Secretary

Constitution

The general Constitution Revision, copies of which were mailed to all members, was adopted. The new Associate Membership open to professionals and the non-competitive public, with limitations outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws, was approved by a vote of 346 to 212.

New Dues Structure

Please take note that the new dues structure approved at the Annual Meeting goes into effect immediately. The Divisions have the right to waive all or part of the Divisional dues, and in cases where the Division does not belong to a Section the Sectional dues are retained by the Division.

Active Membership (Age of 25 or over) \$6. per year. (\$3. National, \$1. Sectional, \$2. Divisional)

Collegiate Membership (Age of 19 to 24 inclusive) \$4. per year. (\$2. National, \$1. Sectional, \$1. Divisional)

Student Membership (Below age of 19) \$2. per year. (\$1. National, \$1. Divisional)

Associate Membership (Non-competitive) \$3. per year. (\$2. National, \$1. Divisional)

Life Membership \$100. but if applicant has been a member in good standing for 10 or more consecutive years, then \$50. One half to National Treasury and one half to Divisional Treasury.

Initiation Fee. The initiation fee for Active, Collegiate, Student and Associate members shall be \$1. payable to the Division.

Please Note: A member in arrears for dues may not vote, shall not hold office, shall not be eligible to compete, and if in default for two years shall be eligible for membership again only upon payment of the initiation fee.

NON-DIVISIONAL MEETING

The Annual Non-Divisional Meeting was well attended and many constructive ideas for next year were received; a concerted effort to encourage high-school fencing is to be made, and some defects in the plan for the judging school will be corrected.

The following were elected to the Board of Governors for 1953-54: Martin Brandeis, Dorothy Friedman, Sol Gorlin, Nathaniel Lubell, Martha Rothman, Albert Vogt and George Worth.

The following were elected to the Nominating Committee for 1954-55 Non-Divisional Governors: Tracy Jaeckel, Chairman; Eve Cohen, Dernel Every, Milton Markowitz, Peter Tishman.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Rudy Ozol, our Treasurer, reports that Gala Night was at least self-supporting. We know it was a huge success in every other way. The Treasurer is particularly anxious to thank every one who paid for their tickets in advance and lessened the last-minute confusion.



F. BARNARD O'CONNOR

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. F. B. O'Connor on Tuesday, May 26th after a brief illness.

Mr. O'Connor was one of the League's most talented mentors, having been Secretary from 1926 to 1930, President from 1930 to 1934, and since then a Governor of the AFLA whose opinions were always sought and respected. In 1932 he served as Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Games Committee. He was a member of the Fencers Club and its president for several years.

Mr. O'Connor learned to fence at Cornell and was captain of its team in 1913. He was a medalist in the National Foil Championship three times—in 1922, 1924 and 1925—and fenced on the U.S. team in a match against Great Britain in 1926.

Born in New York, he received his engineering degree from Cornell and became the head of the Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Company. He is survived by his widow, four daughters and seven grandchildren.

Fencing has lost a good friend and invaluable counsellor.

—J.RdeC.

GREETINGS

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FOIL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP—8 Teams

The Fencers Club dethroned the Salle Santelli 5-1 in the final, but the score was deceptively one-sided. The features of the match were Jimmy Strauch's strong fencing and Daniel Bukantz's victory over Neil Lazar after trailing 4-0. The Saltus Club led by Martin Brandeis scored 5-3 over the N.Y.A.C. to win third place.

Qualifying Round (Two from each pool)

Pool I—Salle Santelli (Lazar 3-0, Goldstein 3-0, Lewis 3-0) defeated **North Texas** (Carnell, Hobson, Bickley), 9/0; **Salle Santelli** (Lazar 2-0, Axelrod 2-0, Goldstein 1-1) defeated **Philadelphia** (Zitomer 1-1, Bartone 0-2, Austin 0-2) 5/1; **N.Y.A.C.** (Quinn 2-1, Anderson 2-1, Surdi 1-2) defeated **Philadelphia** (Bartone 3-0, Austin 1-2, Edwards 0-3), 5/4; **N.Y.A.C.** (Sollee 2-0, Anderson 2-0, Surdi 1-0) defeated **North Texas** (Carnell, Hobson, Bickley), 5/0.

Pool II—Fencers Club (Ettinger 3-0, Bukantz 3-0, Lubell 3-0) defeated **U.S.A.F.** (Corrie, Derderian, Carhart) 9/0; **Fencers Club** (Strauch 2-0, Lubell 2-0, Ettinger 1-1) defeated **Northern Ohio** (Fried 1-1, Gosline 0-2, Henry 0-2), 5/1; **Saltus Club** (Ritayik 2-1, Schechter 2-1, Brandeis 1-2) defeated **Northern Ohio** (Fried 2-1, Henry 2-1, Gosline 0-3), 5/4; **Saltus Club** (Schechter 2-0, Ritayik 2-0, Brandeis 1-0) defeated **U.S.A.F.** (Corrie, Derderian, Carhart), 5/0.

SEMI-FINALS (Direct Elimination)

Santelli (Axelrod 2-0, Lazar 2-0, Goldstein 1-0) defeated Saltus (Schechter, Ritayik, Brandeis) 5/0.

Fencers Club (Bukantz 2-0, Lubell 2-0, Strauch 1-1) defeated N.Y.A.C. (Surdi 1-1, Sollee 0-2, Quinn 0-2), 5/1.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Saltus-McBurney (Brandeis 2-0, Ritayik 2-1, Schechter 1-2) def. New York A.C. (Anderson 0-3, Quinn 2-0, Sollee 1-0, Surdi 0-2) 5/3.

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Fencers Club (Bukantz 2-0, Lubell 1-1, Strauch 2-0) def. Salle Santelli (Axelrod 1-1, Lazar 0-2, Lewis 0-2) 5/1.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL—54 competitors

Dr. Daniel Bukantz of the Fencers Club retained his title by outdistancing the field so that he was sure of first place when the 12 man final was only three-fourths completed. Allan Kwartler's second place led a group of 5 closely bunched Santelli foilsman. Ralph Goldstein was third on touches over Albert Axelrod and Leonard Turk, while Neil Lazar-Bukantz' lone conqueror in the entire event—was sixth. Robert Neilsen, former intercollegiate champion and now in the Air Force, showed considerable strength in tying Nathaniel Lubell for seventh place.

Qualifying Round (Three from each pool)

10 Bys: Bukantz, Lubell, Axelrod, Krieger, Altabel, Lazar (Ranking Fencers); Ettinger, Goldstein, Quinn, Surdi (Team finalists).

Pool I—(1) Martin (So. Cal.) 6/1; (2) Young (Mich.) 5/2; (3) Rubinstein (M.N.Y.) 5/2; Howard (Montreal) 4/3; Orsi (N.Y.A.C.) 4/3; Hobson (No. Tex.) 2/5; Schlick (Md.) 1/6; Castigliola (Wash.) 1/6.

Pool II—(1) Lyons (Wash.) 6/0; (2) Makler (Ph.) 5/2; (3) Spingarn (F.C.) 4/2; Carhart (U.S.A.F.) 4/3; Fitzsimmons (Wis.) 2/5; Kolowrat (Princ.) 2/5; Bohacket (W.N.Y.) 1/6; Bickley (No. Tex.) 1/6.

Pool III—(1) Kwartler (S.S.) 5/1; (2) Shurtz (U.S.N.) 4/2; (3) Edwards (Ph.) 4/2; Carhart (U.S.A.F.) 3/3; Chambers (Mich.) 2/4; Baird (No. Tex.) 2/4; Seiller (Ky.) 0/6.

Pool IV—(1) Balk (F.C.) 5/1; (2) Kunzmann (Mich.) 5/1; (3) Parsons (N.E.) 4/2; Carnell (No. Tex.) 3/3; Thompson (Ill.) 3/3; Buzzelli (W.N.Y.) 1/5; Corrie (U.S.A.F.) 0/6.

Pool V—(1) Nielson (U.S.A.F.) 6/0; (2) Marmer (F.C.) 5/1; (3) Nobler (Bklyn. Coll.) 4/2; Bayor Md.) 3/3; Fitch (U.S.N.) 2/4; Washwell (N. Eng.) 1/5; Bergman (Mich.) 1/5.

Pool VI—(1) Turk (S.S.) 6/0; (2) Velasco (Ill.) 4/2; (3) Dion (N. Eng.) 4/2; Zitomer (Ph.) 2/4; Derderian (U.S.A.F.) 2/4; Plouffe (W.N.Y.) 2/4; Hathaway (Wash.) 1/5.

SEMI-FINALS (Three from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Bukantz (F.C.) 5/0; (2) Turk (S.S.) 4/1; (3) Quinn (N.Y.A.C.) 4/2; Martin (So. Cal.) 3/3; Rubinstein (M.N.Y.) 2/3; Parsons (N.E.) 1/4; Kunzmann (Mich.) 0-6.

Pool II—(1) Lubell (F.C.) 4/1; (2) Lazar (S.S.) 4/1; (3) Surdi (N.Y.A.C.) 4/2; Young (Mich.) 3/3; Velasco (Ill.) 3/3; Edwards (Ph.) 1/5; Lyons Wash.) 1/5.

Pool III—(1) Axelrod (S.S.) 6-0; (2) Shurtz (U.S.N.) 4/2; (3) Goldstein (S.S.) 4/2; Altabel (Ph.) 3/3; Balk 2/4; Marmer (F.C.) 1/5; Nobler (Bklyn.) 1/5.

Pool IV—(1) Makler (Ph.) 4/1, 17 t.r.; (2) Nielson (U.S.A.F.) 4/2, 21 t.r.; (3) Kwartler (S.S.) 4/2, 22 t.r.; Ettinger (F.C.) 4/2, 25 t.r.; Krieger (Mich.) 3/3; Dion (N.E.) 1/4; Spingarn (F.C.) 0-6.

FINALS

(1) Bukantz 10/1; (2) Kwartler 8/3; (3) Goldstein 7/4, 28 t.r.; (4) Axelrod 7/4, 30 t.r.; (5) Turk 7/4, 42 t.r.; (6) Lazar 6/5, 40 t.r.; (7) Lubell 5/6, 40/40 and Nielson 5/6, 40/40; (9) Makler 4/7, (10) Quinn, 3/8, 46 t.r.; (11) Shurtz, 3/8, 48 t.r.; (12) Surdi 1/10.

EPEE TEAM—11 Teams

Salle Santelli's strong combination of Ralph Goldstein, Norman Lewis and Paul Moss defeated the Fencers Club 5-2 in a well fought match for first place. The Michigan Division's composite team behind Dick Berry's three victories turned back the Philadelphia F. C. for third place 5-3. Philadelphia had earlier eliminated the defending champions from Northern Ohio by a similar 5-3 score.

Qualifying Round (Two from each pool)

2 Bys: Northern Ohio, Fencers Club

Pool I—Univ. of Pa. (Ruben 3-0, Tori 1-1, Parmacek 1-1) defeated **Baltimore** (Hurwitz 2-1, Schlick 0-2, Rose 0-2), 5/2; **U.S.A.F.** Derderian 3-0, Carhart 1-1, Corrie 1-1) defeated **Baltimore** (Hurwitz 1-1, Rose 1-1, Schlick 0-3), 5/2.

Pool II—Michigan (Chambers 2-0, Berry 2-1, Kunzmann 1-1) d. **Pateron S.T.C.** (Griffith 1-1, Van der Beybe 1-1, Antoniuk 0-2), 5/2; **Salle Santelli** (Moss 3-0, Lewis 1-1, Goldstein 1-2) d. **Pateron S.T.C.** (Antoniuk 1-1, Vander Beybe 1-2, Griffith 1-2), 5/3.

Pool III—N.Y.A.C. (Gromback 2-1, Santos 2-1, Barthel 1-1) def. **No. Texas** (Hobson 2-0, Bickley 1-2, Carnell 0-3), 5/3; **Philadelphia F.C.** (Conomikes 3-0, Dyer 2-0, Makler 0-2) def. **No. Texas** (Hobson 1-1, Carnell 1-2, Bickley 0-2), 5/2.

QUARTER FINALS (Direct Elimination)

1. Salle Santelli (Lewis 2-0, Moss 2-0, Goldstein 1-1) def. U. of Pa. (Ruben 1-1, Tori 0-2, Parmacek 0-2) 5/1.

2. Michigan Div. (Berry 3-0, Kunzmann 1-1, Chambers 1-2) def. U.S.A.F. (Corrie 1-1, Carhart 1-2, Derderian 1-2) 5/3.

3. Fencers Club (Vebell 2-0, Strauch 2-0, Cohen 1-1) def. N.Y.A.C. (Santos 1-1, Barthel 0-2, Gromback 0-2) 5/1.

4. Phila. F.C. (Makler 2-1, Dyer 2-1, Conomikes 1-1) def. No. Ohio Div. (Gosline 1-1, Fried 1-2, Henry 1-2) 5/3.

SEMI-FINALS (Direct Elimination)

1. Salle Santelli (Goldstein 2-0, Moss 2-0, Turk 1-1) def. Mich. Div. (Chambers 1-1, Berry 0-2, Kunzmann 0-2), 5/1.

2. Fencers Club (Bavuso 2-0, Vebell 2-0, Strauch 1-1) def. Phila. F.C. (Makler 1-1, Conomikes 0-2, Dyer 0-2), 5/1.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Michigan Div. (Berry 3-0, Chambers 1-1, Kunzmann 1-1) def. Phila. F.C. (Dyer 2-1, Conomikes 0-2, Makler 0-2) 5/2.

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Salle Santelli (Goldstein 2-0, Moss 2-1, Lewis 1-1) def. Fencers Club (Vebell 1-1, Strauch 1-2, Bavuso 0-2), 5/2.

INDIVIDUAL EPEE—57 competitors

Donald Thompson of the University Club of Chicago, and a member of the 1948 Olympic team, captured his first epee title by winning the 3-way fence-off for the championship. Ed Brooke, Champion of Canada, was second and Dick Berry of Michigan, third. The competition for the crown vacated by Cuba's Abelardo Menendez was so close that all fence-off bouts were decided by 3-2 margins and a single victory separated the first seven men in the finals. On count of touches, Ralph Goldstein was fourth, Robert Derderian, U.S.A.F., was fifth, Alan Reuben, U. of P., was sixth and Tom Bickley, a surprising newcomer from Northern Texas, was seventh.

The closeness of the competition, however, did not deter Dick Berry from observing the highest standards of sportsmanship. In his fence-off bout with Ed Brooke, Berry's action to the foot was called good by the judges, but the touch was annulled when Dick announced that he had hit the floor.

Qualifying Round (Four from pools 1, 2, 3, and three from pools 4, 5, 6)

15 Bys: Vebell, Makler, Moss, Strauch, Fried, Goldstein, Bavuso and de Capriles (Ranking Fencers); Asselin, Brooke, Schwende, Silverstone (Canadian); Quinn, Lazar, Shurtz (Foil finalists).

Pool I—(1) Wolff (Ky.) 6/1; (2) Dyer (Ph.) 4/3; (3) Bickley (No. T.) 4/3; (4) Washwell (N. Eng.) 3/4; 13 t.r.; A. Rose (Ill.) 3/4, 15/14; Bohacket (W. N.Y.) 3/4 (15/11); Hurwitz (Md.) 3/4, 16 t.r. Chambers (Mich.) 2/5.

Pool II—(1) Ruben (U. Pa.) 7/0; (2) Thompson (U.C.) 6/1; (3) Kolowrat (Prnc.) 5/2; (4) Lt. Fitch (U.S.N.) 4/3; Mercado (Gulf Coast) 2/4; Barthel (N.Y.A.C.) 2/5; Plouffe (W. N. Y.) 0/5; Schlick (Md.) 0/6.

Pool III—(1) Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 5/2; (2) Tori (U. Pa.) 4/3, 11 t.r.; (3) Jones (W.N.Y.) 4/3, 12 t.r.; (4) Doughty (U.S.N.) 4/3, 13 t.r.; Burge (Ky.) 4/3, 16 t.r.; Musyichuk (Mich.) 2/4, 13 t.r.; Dickerson (U. Va.) 2/4, 17 t.r.; Lazovick (C.C.N.Y.) 1/6.

Pool IV—(1) Conomikes (Ph.) 4/1; (2) Craig (Wash.) 3/2, 8 t.r.; (3) Derderian (U.S.A.F.) 3/2, 10 t.r.; Leavitt U.S.N.) 3/2, 11 t.r.; Martin (So. Cal.) 2/3; Baird (Gulf Coast) 0/5.

Pool V—(1) Henry (No. O.) 5/0; (2) Von Munchhausen (F.C.) 3/2; (3) Mamlouk (S.S.) 2/3, 11 t.r.; Carhart U.S.A.F.) 2/3, 13 t.r.; Kunzmann (Mich.) 2/3, 14 t.r.; Parmacek (U. Pa.) 1/4.

Pool VI—(1) Berry (Mich.) 4/1; (2) Gosline (No. O.) 4/1; (3) Wallner (N.Y.U.) 3/2, 7 t.r.; Parsons N.E.) 3/2, 10 t.r.; Marshall (Ph.) 1/4; Corrie (U.S.A.F.) 0/5.

QUARTER FINALS (Three from each pool)

Strip I—(1) Derderian (U.S.A.F.) 4/1; (2) Wolff (Ky.) 3/2; (3) Vebell (F.C.) 2/3, 11 t.r.; Silverstone (Can.) 2/3, 12/11; Fitch (U.S.N.) 2/3, 12/11; Tori (U. Pa.) 2/3 (12/9).

Strip II—(1) Berry (Mich.) 4/0; (2) Doughty (U.S.N.) 3/1; (3) Brooke (Can.) 3/2; Makler (Ph.) 1/3; Von Munchhausen (F.C.) 1/3; Kolowrat (Pa.) 1/4.

Strip III—(1) Wallner (N.Y.U.) 5/0; (2) Schwende (Can.) 4/1; (3) Thompson (U.C.) 3/2; Moss S.S.) 2/3; Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 1/4; Washwell N.E.) 0/5.

Strip IV—(1) Conomikes (Ph.) 4/1; (2) Strauch (F.C.) 4/1; (3) Quinn (N.Y.A.C.) 2/3, 11 t.r.; Mamlouk (S.S.) 2/3, 12 t.r.; Gosline (No. O.) 2/3, 13 t.r.; Asselin (Can.) 1/4.

Strip V—(1) Ruben (U. Pa.) 4/1; (2) Fried (No. O.) 3/2, 7 t.r.; (3) Bickley (No. T.) 3/2, 8 t.r.; de Capriles (F.C.) 3/2, 9 t.r.; Lazar (S.S.) 1/4, Craig (Wash.) 1/4.

Strip VI—(1) Goldstein (S.S.) 4/1; (2) Jones (W.N.Y.) 3/2; (3) Bavuso (F.C.) 2/3, 9 t.r.; Shurtz (U.S.N.) 2/3, 13/11; Henry (No. O.) 2/3, 13/8; Dyer (Ph.) 2/3, 16 t.r.

SEMI-FINALS (Three from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Thompson 3/1, 6 t.r.; (2) Bickley 3/1, 6 t.r.; (3) Derderian 3/2, 9 t.r.; Wallner 3/2, 10 t.r. Strauch 2/3; Doughty 0/5.

Pool II—(1) Goldstein 5/0; (2) Vebell 3/2, 9 t.r.; (3) Berry 3/2, 10 t.r.; Fried 2/3, 12 t.r.; Schwende 2/3, 13 t.r.; Quinn 0/5.

Pool III—(1) Jones 4/1; (2) Brooke 3/2, 11 t.r.; (3) Ruben 3/2, 13 t.r.; Conomikes 2/3, 12 t.r.; Bavuso 2/3, 13 t.r.; Wolff 1/4.

FINALS

(1) Thompson 5/3 (defeated Brooke 3-2 and Berry 3-2 in fence off for 1st place); (2) Brooke 5/3 (defeated Berry 3-2 in fence off for 2nd place); (3) Berry 5/3; (4) Goldstein 4/4, 17/20; (5) Derderian 4/4, 17/16; (6) Ruben 4/4, 18/16; (7) Bickley 4/4, 20/18; (8) Vebell 3/5; (9) Jones 2/6.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL—39 competitors

Paula Sweeney of the Salle de Tuscan, and a member of the 1952 United States International Team, dethroned Maxine Mitchell of Southern California to win her first national title. Miss Sweeney lost to Mrs. Mitchell 4-2 in the final for her only defeat. The defending champion, however, was beaten 4-1 by Diane Millstein of the Fencers Club and 4-3 by Madeline Dalton so that she had to be content with second place. A triple tie for third was won on touches by Mrs. Millstein with Miss Dalton and Mrs. Sallye Chambers of the Salle de Tuscan following in that order. Eve Cohen of the Salle Santelli placed sixth on touches over Mrs. Jarmila Vokral of Montreal who used to be a frequent finalist in our championships during the 1930's when she lived in Philadelphia.

Qualifying Round (Three from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Mitchell (So. Calif.) 6/0; (2) Sokol (S.S.) 4/2; (3) Brown (Wash. D.C.) 3/3, 17 t.r.; Bernhard (Md.) 3/3, 20 t.r.; Stack (F.C.) 2/4; Fernea (Lapeer 2/4; Steigerwald (N. O.) 1/5.

Pool II—(1) Millstein (F.C.) 6/0; (2) Goodrich (Lapeer) 5/1; (3) Secco (Ph.) 4/2; Van Camp (Ill.) 3/3; Laws (Montreal) 2/4; Marchant (N.E.) 1/5; Hanks (Md.) 0/6.

Pool III—(1) Dalton (F.C.) 5/0; (2) Thompson (Ill.) 4/1; (3) Dedousis (S.S.) 3/3, 18/20; Hill (Mich.) 3/3, 18/17; Breton (W.N.Y.) 2/4; Wegener (Wash.) 1/4; Thomas (Mich.) 1/4.

Pool IV—(1) Funke (F.C.) 4/0; (2) Brewster (N.E.) 4/0; (3) Kopp (N.J.) 2/3, 12 t.r.; Christensen (Cich.) 2/3, 14 t.r.; Myrel Papurt (No. O.) 2/3, 15 t.r.; Salisbury (Wash.) 0/5.

Pool V—(1) Cohen (S.S.) 3-0; (2) Chambers (Mich.) 3/0; (3) Nielson (Wash. D.C.) 3/0; Scrivanish (Md.) 2/3; Richier (Ill.) 0/4; Hoon (N.J.) 0/4.

Pool VI—(1) Sweeney (Mich.) 4/1; (2) Vokral (Montreal) 4/1; (3) Balint (Saltus) 4/1; de Moja (N.E.) 2/3; Farina (Md.) 1/4, Myrna Papurt (No. O.) 0/5.

SEMI-FINAL (Three from each pool).

Pool I—(1) Mitchell 4/0; (2) Dedousis 4/1; (3) Vokral 3-1; Goodrich 2/3; Funke 1/4; Nielson 0/5.

Pool II—(1) Chambers 4/0; (2) Millstein 3-1; (3) Cohen 3/2; Thompson 2/3; Brown 1/3; Kopp 0/4.

Pool III—(1) Sweeney 5/0; (2) Dalton 4/1;

(3) Sokol 3/2; Balint 1/4; Secco 1/4; Brewster 1/4.

FINAL

(1) Sweeney 7/1; (2) Mitchell 6/2; (3) Millstein 5/3, 18 t.r.; (4) Dalton 5/3, 20 t.r.; (5) Chambers 5/3, 23 t.r.; (6) Cohen 3/5, 25/22; (7) Vckral 3/5, 25/20; (8) Sokol 2/6; (9) Dedousis, 0/8.

SABRE TEAM—8 teams

Salle Santelli's powerhouse quartet of Tibor Nyilas, George Worth, Al Kwartler, and Sol Gorlin swept through the opposition without working up a sweat. The best score against them was made in the final by the Philadelphia Division which also had placed second in 1952. An aggressive young team from the University Club of Chicago upset the Fencers Club 5-3 in the third place match and was also responsible for the elimination of the N.Y.A.C. by an identical score in the qualifying round.

Qualifying Round (Two from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Salle Santelli (Gorlin 1-1, Kwartler 2-0, Worth 2-0) def. U.S.A.F. (Carhart 0-2, Corrie, Derderian 1-1) 5/1; (2) University Club, Chicago (Legeza 2-1, Thompson 2-1, Westley 1-1) def. New York A.C. (Flynn 1-2, Muray 2-1, Orsi 0-2) 5/3; (3) University Club, Chicago (Legeza 1-1, Thompson 2-0, Westley 2-0) def. U.S.A.F. (Carhart 0-2, Corrie 1-1, Derderian 0-2) 5/1; (4) Salle Santelli (Gorlin 2-0, Kwartler 2-0, Worth 1-1) def. New York A. C. (Flynn 0-2, Muray 1-1, Ozol 0-2) 5/1.

Pool II—(1) Fencers Club (Cohen 2-0, Millard 1-0, Tishman 2-0) def. Paterson State Teachers (Antoniuk 0-2, Canonico 0-2, Griffith 0-1) 5/0; (2) Philadelphia (Bartone 2-0, Dyer 2-0, Parmacek 1-1) def. North Texas (Bickley 0-2, Carnell 1-1, Hobson 0-2) 5/1; (3) Philadelphia (Bartone 1-0, Dyer 2-0, Parmacek 2-0) def. Paterson State Teachers (Antoniuk 0-2, Canonico 0-2, Griffith 0-1) 5/0; (4) Fencers Club (Cohen 2-0, Millard 2-0, Tishman 1-1) def. North Texas (Bickley 0-2, Carnell 0-2, Hobson 1-1) 5/1.

Semi-Finals (Direct Elimination)

(1) Salle Santelli (Gorlin 2-0, Kwartler 2-0, Worth 1-1) def. Fencers Club (Cohen 0-2, de Capriles 0-2, Millard 1-1) 5/1.

(2) Philadelphia (Dyer 1-2, Makler 2-0, Parmacek 2-0) def. University Club, Chicago (Legeza 0-3, Thompson 1-1, Westley 1-1) 5/2.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

University Club, Chicago (Legeza 2-1, Thompson 2-1, Westley 1-1) def. Fencers Club (Cohen 2-0, de Capriles 1-2, Millard 0-3) 5/3.

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Salle Santelli (Gorlin 1-1, Nyilas 2-0, Worth 2-1) def. Philadelphia (Bartone 1-1, Dyer 1-2, Makler 0-1, Parmacek 0-1) 5/2.

INDIVIDUAL SABRE—48 competitors

Dr. Tibor Nyilas of the Salle Santelli retained the sabre crown he has worn since 1950 by defeating George Worth, his clubmate and strongest rival, 5-3 in the fence-off. Worth had defeated Nyilas earlier in the 12-man final but then had lost 5-2 to Norman Armitage of the Fencers Club who ended up third and thus captured his 22nd national sabre medal in 25 years of competition, including 10 firsts, 9 seconds and 3 thirds. Abram Cohen of the Fencers Club was fourth, Jose de Capriles fifth, and Dr. James Flynn, N.Y.A.C., was sixth. The competition ran true to form except for the elimination of Allan Kwartler by a single touch in a difficult semi-final pool.

Qualifying Round (Three from each pool)

10 Bys: Nyilas, Worth, J. de Capriles, Kwartler, Armitage, Cohen, Gorlin, Krieger, Westley, Muray.

Pool I—(1) Austin (Ph.) 4/1; (2) Carhart (U.S.A.F.) 4/1; (3) Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 3/2; Kunzmann (Mich.) 2/3; Sonnenreich (F.C.) 1/4; Antoniuk (P.S.T.C.) 1/4.

Pool II—(1) Makler (Ph.) 6/0; (2) Ettinger (F.C.) 5/1; (3) Virgulito (Conn.) 4/2; Surdi (N.Y.A.C.) 2/3; Stanley (Md.) 2/3; Fried (No. O.) 2/3; Bickley (No. Tex.) 0/5.

Pool III—(1) Millard (F.C.) 5/1; (2) Ozol (N.Y.A.C.) 5/1; (3) Legeza (Ill.) 4/2, 21/26; Martin (So. Cal.) 4/2, 21/25; Carnell (No. Tex.) 2/4; Baird (Gulf) 1/5; Buzzelli (W. N. Y.) 0/6.

Pool IV—(1) Sobel (Columbia) 5/0; (2) Thompson (Univ. Club) 4/1; (3) Tishman (F. C.) 3/2; Hobson (No. Tex.) 2/3; Burrell (Ph.) 1/4; Garbatini (Conn.) 0/5.

Pool V—(1) Pongo (S.S.) 5/0; (2) Younis (N. Eng.) 3/2; (3) Bartone (U. Pa.) 3/2; Spingarn (F.C.) 2/3; Schwartz (W. N. Y.) 1/4; Orsi (N.Y.A.C.) 1/4.

Pool VI—(1) Dyer (Ph.) 4/1; (2) Zimolzak (U.S.N.) 3/2; 17 t.r.; (3) Rubinstein (Mid-N. Y.) 3/2, 17 t.r.; Derderian (U.S.A.F.) 3/2; 18 t.r.; Mercado (Gulf) 1/3; Burge (Ky.) 0/4.

SEMI-FINAL (Three from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Nyilas (S.S.) 5/0; (2) Krieger (DeTuscan) 5/0; (3) Muray (N.Y.A.C.) 3/3; 23 t.r.; Ettinger (F.C.) 3/3, 24 t.r.; Austin (Ph.) 2/4, Younis (N.E.) 1/5, Legeza (Ill.) 1/5.

Pool II—(1) Worth (S.S.) 5/0; (2) Cohen (F.C.) 5/0; (3) Sobel (Col.) 4/2; Ozol (N.Y.A.C.) 3/3; Carhart (U.S.A.F.) 2/4; Virgulito (Conn.) 1/5; Westley (Ill.) 0/6.

Pool III—(1) Makler (Ph.) 5/1; (2) Gorlin (S.S.) 5/1; (3) de Capriles (F.C.) 4/2; Tishman (F.C.) 2/3; Zimolzak (U.S.N.) 2/3; Pongo (S.S.) 1/4; Rubinstein (M.N.Y.) 0/5.

Pool IV—(1) Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 5/1; (2) Armitage (F.C.) 4/2; 20 t.r.; 27 t.g.; (3) Millard (F.C.) 4/2; 20 t.r., 26 t.g.; Kwartler (S.S.) 4/2, 21 t.r., 27 t.g.; Thompson (Ill.) 2/3; Dyer (Ph.) 1/4; Bartone (U. Pa.) 0/5.

FINAL

(1) NYILAS (S.S.) 10/1 (defeated Worth 5-3 on fence-off); (2) WORTH (S.S.) 10/1; (3) ARMITAGE (F.C.) 8/3; (4) Cohen (F.C.) 7/4; (5) J. de Capriles (F.C.) 6/5, 38 t.r.; (6) Flynn (N.Y.A.C.) 6/5, 39 t.r.; (7) Gorlin (S.S.) 5/6; (8) Millard (F.C.) 4/7; (9) Makler (Ph.) 3/8, 46 t.r. (10) Muray (N.Y.A.C.) 3/8, 47 t.r.; (11) Krieger (Mich.) 2/9, 45 t.r. (12) Sobel (Col.) 2/9, 51 t.r.

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THREE-WEAPON TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Salle Santelli won its third team title on Gala Night when it defeated the Fencers Club 2-1 in the finals. The turning point of the match came in the first bout when Allan Kwartler scored a spectacular victory over Daniel Bukantz 5-1 in foil. Edward Vebell evened the score by defeating Ralph Goldstein in epee but George Worth, fencing like a whirlwind, shut out Abram Cohen in the deciding sabre bout. The third place match was most exciting as Paul Makler of Philadelphia outscored Ray Chambers of Michigan 5-3 and Peter Conomikes led Dick Berry 2-0 in epee so that one more touch would win for Philadelphia; but Berry scored the next three touches to win the bout and tie the match. Byron Krieger then defeated Dick Dyer in sabre 5-3 to win for Michigan.

Qualifying Round (Two from each pool)

Pool I—(1) Philadelphia Division d. U.S.A.F. 3/0; (F.) Makler (Ph.) d. Nielson 5-4; (E.) Conomikes (Ph.) d. Derderian 3-2; (S.) Dyer (Ph.) d. Carhart 5-1; (2) Salle Santelli d. U.S.A.F. 3/0; (F.) Kwartler (S.S.) d. Nielson 5-4; (E.) Goldstein (S.S.) d. Derderian 3-0; (S.) Worth (S.S.) d. Carhart 5-3.

Pool II—(1) Michigan Division d. N.Y.A.C. 2/1; (F.) Kunzmann (M.) d. Quinn 5-3; (E.) Santos (N.Y.A.C.) d. Berry 3-2; (S.) Krieger (M.) d. Muray 5-2; (2) Fencers Club d. N.Y.A.C. 2/1; (F.) Bukantz (F.C.) d. Quinn 5-3; (E.) Vebell (F.C.) d. Santos 3-2; (S.) Muray (N.Y.A.C.) d. Cohen 5-3.

SEMI-FINALS (Direct Elimination)

(A) Salle Santelli d. Michigan Div. 2/1; (F.) Kwartler (S.S.) d. Chambers 5-1; (E.) Goldstein (S.S.) d. Berry 3-2; (S.) Krieger (M.) d. Worth 5-2; (B) Fencers Club d. Philadelphia Div. 3/0; (F.) Bukantz (F.C.) d. Bartone 5-1; (E.) Vebell (F.C.) d. Conomikes 3-1; (S.) Cohen (F.C.) d. Dyer 5-2.

THIRD PLACE MATCH

Michigan Div. d. Philadelphia Div. 2/1; (F.) Makler (Ph.) d. Chambers 5-3; (E.) Berry (M.) d. Conomikes 3-2; (S.) Krieger (M.) d. Dyer 5-3.

FIRST PLACE MATCH

Salle Santelli d. Fencers Club, 2/1; (F.) Kwartler (S.S.) d. Bukantz 5-1; (E.) Vebell (F.C.) d. Goldstein 3-1; (S.) Worth (S.S.) d. Cohen 5-0.

Salle Santelli Wins Honeycutt Trophy

by Leo Sobel

The Salle Santelli with Albert Axelrod and Allan Kwartler in foil, Ralph Goldstein in epee and George Worth in sabre, won the Three-weapon team competition for the Gen. Francis Honeycutt trophy by a very wide margin. Six teams competed in this special event which is fenced as a round robin in each weapon and the victor is decided on the count of touches instead of bout or match victories. Bouts are fenced for five touches in all weapons, and the loser is charged with an additional touch.

Results (showing touches against in foil, epee, sabre and total): Salle Santelli 8, 9, 10—27; Fencers Club 16, 21, 16—53; New York A.C. 15, 22, 20—57; N.Y.U. 26, 11, 21—58; C.C.N.Y. 25, 26, 28—79; Yeshiva 30, 30, 27—87.



What's Wrong with the Nationals?

by Curtis T. Ettinger

Now that the Nationals are over and due recognition has been given to the unselfish efforts of the few men who did so much for so many by making this event such a splendid success, now that the passions have subsided the time may have come to discuss a few things which rate some benevolent and constructive criticism.

There has been a tendency to limit as much as possible the number of strips on which elimination rounds are fought out. This has some virtue in the first round where the great number of participants and the small number of judges as well as limitations in time and space make a minimum of seven fencers per round-robin desirable. But this virtue becomes unjust to a great number of weaker fencers if only three qualify for the next round. The seeding of the leaders of the strip or even of the number two man may not offer any difficulty. But most young fencers who come from out-of-town, often under considerable sacrifices of time and money, are unknown to the ones in charge of running the tournament. They meet often equally strong young fencers on their strip and are eliminated by one or two touches while on the next strip a fencer qualifies who would hardly have won one bout on the first strip.

We must make up our minds. Are the Nationals meant to determine the number one, two and three man in each weapon or are they not rather the single occasion given only once a year to the younger and less experienced fencer from outside the major centers of our sport to gain experience, compare styles, acquire self-confidence and taste the sweetness of victory and the bitterness of defeat. What encouragement is it for a youngster from Texas to fence two bouts against two fencers who outclass him hopelessly and three to four more against fencers of his class. Let us give him a fairer chance to make the next round, to fence six more bouts and to report at home of his success and the fun he had fencing better fencers in the second round must be qualified for the next round.

Let us not go by the minimum that must be qualified for the next round according to the rule book, but let us make it the maximum. Time? Let's not talk too much about time in New York when it concerns our young friends who come from Michigan and Ohio, from California and Texas to see and learn.

One other point may make me quite unpopular with some of my friends who may even point to international usage to contest my theory: Why do we have to give byes to our top fencers in the first rounds? Their fencing would benefit the many young fencers who never make the second round and thus would have the rare opportunity to learn from close how a champion stands, how he moves about and how he touches. If you have to give byes give them to the beginners who then have a chance to meet the stronger fencers in the second round. It is better for them to fail against the better fencers than to fail against their fellow beginners.

My suggestion may be unconventional, but is it without merit?

What I said for the first round is even more valid for the second. Why qualify only three out of seven in the second round, eliminating often at least one better fencer, and sometimes a potential runner-up in the finals. Krieger in foil and Kwartler in sabre know what I mean. (It also happened to Mr. Ettinger in both the foil and sabre.—Ed.)

Why do we have round-robins in fencing and not, with few exceptions, direct elimination. Because fencing more than any other sport calls for a system limiting accidental success and defeat as much as possible and setting a premium on the best average performance. One elimination round, one semi-final and a marathon final of 12 is not enough for 50 to 60 entries.

If we really want to know who our best fencers are then make the passing number in eliminations larger and do away with the final of 12 that threatens to become an awkward tradition.

Let us go back to the recent Nationals. What was the advantage of this abridged version of a fencing competition? Time saving? I contest this sharply. We had to fence the marathon finals on two strips anyway. Between semi-finals and finals we had to fence 110 bouts. We qualified three out of four strips of seven fencers each. Would we have qualified four from each strip we would have been left with a second semi-final round of 16 fencers. Two strips of five and one of six qualifying three each for a not so unwieldy final of nine would have required 115 bouts or exactly 5 bouts more. Such a procedure would have maintained the idea of the round-robin and would have afforded the opportunity for many more fencers to get experience. From a short experience of 38 years of tournament fencing I warrant much better results and much more showing of true form without so much nervous stress. If you must test your fencers how they stand up under stress, do that in Olympic years when you expect rough going for our athletes abroad.

There is a tendency to motivate awkward decisions with the reference how things are being done in Europe. Well, here even this reference fails. Except for some epee competitions no competition is normally topped off by a final of 12. As far as the number of qualifiers in each round is concerned it is true that in international competitions in Europe the immense number of fencers makes often the adherence to the minimum figure of passers necessary. But in Europe they have a multitude of national and international competitions. Every fencer everywhere has almost every week an opportunity to meet strong contestants for a trip the size of little more than commuting distance. Not so here. Once in a year and thousands of miles is what makes a great deal of difference.

We may not be able to improve on many other things in fencing, but let us try the next time to give our friends from out-of-town a greater opportunity to fence and to learn.

News from the Divisions

Gulf Coast

by Betty Jean Fox

Prep Foil: 1. Danny Edwards; 2. Gus Wulfman; 3. Lewis Douglas. All of Texas A & M.

Prep Epee: 1. Gus Wulfman; 2. Russ Goodale; 3. Lewis Douglas. All of Texas A & M.

Prep Sabre: 1. Wallace Schlather; 2. Arthur Garner; 3. William Huettel. All of Texas A & M.

Women's Novice: 1. Florence Schwartz, Jewish Community Center; 2. Carol Warwick, Buccaneers; 3. Mildred Anderson, Buccaneers.

Novice Foil: 1. Bob Braslau, Texas A & M; 2. Arnold Mercado, U. of Houston; 3. Allan Black, Jewish Community Center.

Novice Epee: 1. James Pigg, Texas A & M; 2. Bob Breslau, Texas A & M; 3. Arnold Mercado, U. of Houston.

Novice Sabre: 1. Arthur Garner, Texas A & M; 2. Bob Breslau, Texas A & M; 3. William Drake, Rice Inst.

3-Weapon: 1. Jack Baird, Buccaneers; 2. Arnold Mercado, U. of Houston; 3. Bob Jones, Texas A & M.

Open Foil: 1. Jack Baird, Buccaneers; 2. William Brown, Buccaneers; 3. Bob Jones, Texas A & M.

Open Epee: 1. Leopold Ffrench, Rice Inst.; 2. Jerry Ramsey, Texas A & M; 3. Aden Magee, Texas A & M.

Open Sabre: 1. Jack Baird, Buccaneers; 2. Horace Platt, Rice Inst.; 3. Leopold Ffrench, Rice Inst.

Prep Foil: 1. Gus Wulfman, Texas A & M; 2. Danny Edwards, Unattached; 3. Buddy Gudger, Texas A & M.

Prep Epee: 1. Danny Edwards, Unattached; 2. Gus Wulfman, Texas A & M; 3. Russ Goodale, Texas A & M.

Prep Sabre: 1. Arthur Garner, Texas A & M; 2. Hy Applebaum, Rice Inst.; 3. Buddy Gudger, Texas A & M.

Novice Foil: 1. Arnold Mercado, U. of Houston; 2. Danny Edwards, Unattached; 3. J. L. Brisco, Buccaneers.

Novice Epee: 1. Arnold Mercado, U. of Houston; 2. Jerry Ramsey, Texas A & M; 3. George Ernst, Texas A & M.

Novice Sabre: 1. Arthur Garner; 2. Carroll Forrester; 3. William Huettel. All of Texas A & M.

Junior Foil: 1. Joe Pafford; 2. Jerry Ramsey; 3. Bob Braslau All of Texas A & M.

Junior Epee: 1. James Pigg; 2. Jerry Ramsey; 3. Aden Magee. All of Texas A & M.

Junior Sabre: 1. Arthur Garner, Texas A & M; 2. Hy Appelbaum, Rice Inst.; 3. William Huettel, Texas A & M.

Open Foil: 1. Jack Baird; 2. William Brown; 3. Shafik Farid. All of Salle Prin—formerly the Buccaneers.

Foil Team: Won by the Salle Prin with Baird, Brown and McMillan.

Women's Open: 1. Betty Jean Fox; 2. Mrs. Neomia Abbott; 3. Margaret Pack. All of Salle Prin.

Open Sabre: 1. William Brown, Salle Prin; 2. Jack Baird, Salle Prin; 3. Horace Platt, Rice Inst.

Sabre Team: Won by Salle Prin Composite with Baird, Brown and Platt.

Open Epee: 1. Arnold Mercado, Salle Prin; 2. Bill Willman, Texas A & M; 3. Jack Baird, Salle Prin.

Epee Team: Won by Salle Prin Composite with Baird, Brown and Platt.

ST. LOUIS

The Open Foil was won by Robert Wilte, with William Hedley and Robert Speare placing second and third.

Western New York

by Frederic Marshall

We ended a most successful season having held 33 events with 380 competitors. Individual honors go to Davis Bohacket of Rochester with 9 prizes, Robert Derderian of Sampson AFB with 8 and Frances Breton of Jewish Center in Buffalo with 7. Group honors to Sampson Air Force Base with 16 medals, a tribute to Derderian's fine coaching of inexperienced fencers.

Three-Weapon Individual: 1. Sidney Schwartz, 2. Roger Jones, 3. Davis Bohacket.

Prep Foil: 1. Michael Azzata, 2. Arnold Lieberman, 3. William Young.

Intermediate Sabre: 1. Sidney Schwartz, 2. Robert Derderian, 3. Anthony Buzzelli.

Sabre Team: won by Sidney Schwartz, Donald Donewirth and Donn Boyle.

Epee Team: won by Fulton Dye, Roger Jones and Davis Bohacket.

"Four-Weapon" Team: won by Sidney Schwartz, Henry Nieman, Bill Kohmann and Roslyn Schwartz.

Women's Open: 1. Frances Breton, 2. Diana Klepinger, 3. Nancy Zielinski.

Open Foil: 1. Arthur Plouffe, 2. Robert Derderian, 3. Anthony Buzzelli.

Open Epee: 1. William Kohmann, 2. Roger Jones, 3. Davis Bohacket.

Open Sabre: 1. John Tremor, 2. Sidney Schwartz, 3. Anthony Buzzelli.

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Southern California

by Fred Linkmeyer
Women's Events

Intermediate Foil Team: won by Dragons, with Trudy Wodgenske, Peggy Lundeberg and Iris Hoblit.

Open Foil: 1. Maxine Mitchell, Cavaliers; 2. Jan York, Unattached; 3. Barbara Baxter, Unattached.

Open Foil Team: won by Faulkner School of Fencing, with Polly Craus, Bernadine Meislahn and Lyn Twitchell.

Men's Events

Intermediate Foil: 1. Fred Martin, Unattached; 2. Bob Crawford, Faulkner; 3. Dave Rice, L.A.A.C.

Intermediate Epee: 1. Giles Plew, Unattached; 2. Sal DeBellis, Dragons; 3. Fred Rayser, L.A.A.C.

Intermediate Sabre: 1. Phil Romano, Faulkner; 2. Dave Rice, L.A.A.C.; 3. Gary Martin, Unattached.

Open Foil: 1. Fred Martin; 2. Herb Sauke; 3. Gary Martin, All Unattached.

Open Foil Team: won by Los Angeles Athletic Club, with Edward Carfagno, Josef Lampl, Torao Mori and Tom Tarbet.

Open Epee: 1. Fred Linkmeyer, L.A.A.C.; 2. Tom Tarbet, L.A.A.C.; 3. Giles Plew, Unattached.

Open Epee Team: won by Unattached team composed of Gary Martin, Fred Martin and Carl Millette.

Open Sabre: 1. Torao Mori, L.A.A.C.; 2. Fred Martin, Unattached; 3. Josef Lampl, L.A.A.C.

Open Sabre Team: won by Los Angeles Athletic Club, with Edward Carfagno, Josef Lampl and Torao Mori.

Greco: 1. Joseph Lampl, L.A.A.C.; 2. Torao Mori, L.A.A.C.; 3. Gary Martin, Unattached.

Minnesota

by P. E. Dahl

The State Championships resulted as follows:

Intermediate Foil: 1. Louis Smith, 2. Douglas Messmer, 3. Robert Forsythe.

Women: 1. Joan Messmer, 2. Dolores Worwa, 3. Jeanne Syverson.

Epee: 1. Robert Forsythe, 2. Allen Anderson, 3. William Snedegar.

Sabre: 1. Joe Eusterman, 2. Robert Forsythe, 3. Terry Covert.

Three-Weapon: 1. Robert Forsythe, 2. Terry Covert, 3. Charles Bradley.

Junior Foil: 1. Louis Smith, 2. Allen Anderson, 3. Charles Brady.

Novice Foil: 1. Maurice Heiberger, 2. John Marty, 3. Allen Anderson.

The officers for the 1953-54 season are: Terry Covert, Chairman; Joan Messmer, Vice-chairman; P. E. Dahl, Sec.-Treas.; and Richard Peterson, Douglass Messmer and Louis Smith as members of the Executive Committee.

Mid-New York

by Benjamin Burr

The Open events resulted as follows:

Foil: 1. Benjamin Burr, 2. Daniel Rubenstein, 3. William Robinson.

Epee: 1. Benjamin Burr, 2. John Goldstein, 3. William Robinson.

Sabre: 1. Daniel Rubenstein, 2. Benjamin Burr, 3. William Robinson.

Philadelphia

by John Austin

Junior Foil: 1. Peter Conomikes, Phila. F.C.; 2. Robert Goldman, U. of P.; 3. Ralph Zitomer, Phila. F.C.

3-Weapon Team: Won by University of Pennsylvania with Frank Bartone, John Tori and Robert Parmacek.

Open Foil: 1. Paul Makler, 2. Nathan Ostrofsky, 3. Dan Edwards. All of Phila. F.C.

Open Epee: 1. Peter Conomikes, Phila. F.C.; 2. Robert Goldman, U. of P.; 3. John Tori, U. of P.

Open Sabre: 1. Paul Makler, Phila. F.C.; 2. John Austin, Phila. F.C.; 3. Robert Parmacek, U. of P.

Women's Open: 1. Mrs. Bruno Secco, Phila. F.C.; 2. Carolyn Taylor, U. of P.; 3. Joyce Greer, Byrn Mawr.

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Border

by Irving Kipnis

Our Division, which covers Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, has been growing steadily. We now have active groups at: The YMCA, U. of Arizona, Tucson H.S. and Salpointe H.S. in Tucson; the YMCA, Phoenix Jr. College and W. Phoenix H.S. in Phoenix; the Sala d'Armas Windsor, the YMCA, Fort Bliss, Austin H.S. and St. Joseph's School in El Paso. Distances are our biggest problem.

Prep. Foil: 1. Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.; 2. Peter Weissenberg, Fort Bliss; 3. Charles Nunnally, U. of Arizona.

Prep. Epee: 1. Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.; 2. Charles Nunnally, U. of Arizona; 3. Pat Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.

Prep. Sabre: 1. Mike Lipscomb, Tucson H.S.; 2. Jerry Parker, U. of Arizona; 3. Allan Russell, U. of Arizona.

Novice Foil: 1. Lt. Bruce Davis, Fort Bliss; 2. Bill Bingham, U. of Arizona; 3. Phil Corbridge, U. of Arizona.

Novice Epee: 1. Lt. Bruce Davis, Fort Bliss; 2. Bruce Burch, U. of Arizona; 3. Richard Van Praag, Fort Bliss.

Novice Sabre: 1. Bruce Burch, U. of Arizona; 2. Bill Bingham, U. of Arizona; 3. David Broadway, U. of Arizona.

Women's Prep: 1. Jody Ellis, Tucson H.S.; 2. Sally Henry, Tucson H.S.; 3. Lydia Sierra, Joan d'Arc.

Women's Team won by Tucson High School.

Northern California

by Ferard Leicester

Open Sabre: 1. Frank Giambra, 2. Gerard Biagini, 3. Salvatore Giambra. All from the Olympic Club.

Open Sabre Team: Won by the Olympic Club with Frank Giambra, Salvatore Giambra and Daniel De Lao.

Illinois

by Lillian Vondra

The University Club won all three of the men's championships and swept the epee event.

Foil: 1. Bernie Fishman, University Club; 2. Herman Velasco, Champaign; 3. Don Thompson, University Club.

Epee: 1. Tom Soddy, 2. Don Thompson, 3. Frank Tiefenbach—All from University Club.

Sabre: 1. John Westley, University Club; 2. Don Thompson, University Club; 3. John Cameron, Champaign.

Michigan

by Shirley Klei

Three-Weapon Championship: 1. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. James Campoli, Grosse Pt.; 3. Gregory Flynn, Grosse Pte.

Intermediate Foil: 1. Rene Pinchuk, Salle de Tuscan; 2. Gregory Flynn, Grosse Pte.; 3. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte.

Intermediate Sabre: 1. Rene Pinchuk, Salle de Tuscan; 2. David Clinton, Wayne U.; 3. Albert Kunzmann, Grosse Pte.

Women's Open: 1. Paula Sweeney, 2. Sallye Chambers, 3. Carol Christensen. All of Salle de Tuscan.

Open Foil: 1. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. Rene Pinchuk, Salle de Tuscan; 3. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte.

Open Epee: Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. James Campoli, Grosse Pte.; 3. Howard Hayden, Salle de Tuscan.

Open Sabre: 1. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. James Campoli, Grosse Pte.; 3. Louis Klei, Salle de Tuscan.

The State Championships, held on May 2, ended as follows:

Women: 1. Sallye Chambers, Salle de Tuscan; 2. Carol Christensen, Salle de Tuscan; 3. Judy Goodrich, Lapeer H.S.

Foil: 1. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. James Campoli, Grosse Pte.; 3. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte.

Epee: 1. Richard Berry, Mich. State*; 2. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan*; 3. Gregory Flynn, Grosse Pte.* (*After fence-off)

Sabre: 1. Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan; 2. Arthur Schankin, Grosse Pte.; 3. Albert Kunzmann, Grosse Pte.

New Jersey

by Carline Miller

Women's Open: 1. Betty Dedousis, Salle Santelli; 2. Catherine Kopp, Montclair STC; 3. Patricia Hoon, Montclair STC.

Open Foil: 1. Anthony Orsi, NYAC; 2. Vincent Surdi, NYAC; 3. William Reda, NYAC.

Open Epee: 1. Anthony Orsi, NYAC; 2. William Reda, NYAC; 3. James Flynn, NYAC.

Open Sabre: 1. Rudolph Ozol, NYAC; 2. Anthony Orsi, NYAC; 3. James Flynn, NYAC.

Women's Team won by Montclair State Teachers College with Catherine Kopp, Patricia Hoon and Doris Hayes.

Epee Team won by Paterson composite with Vincent Antoniuk, John Griffith, Raymond Vanden Bergh and Emil Trapani.

Sabre Team won by Paterson State Teachers College with John Griffith, Pat Canonica and Vincent Antoniuk.

The officers for the 1953-54 season are: Anthony Orsi, Chairman; Fred Weisbrod, Vice-chairman; Miss Lucy Stamilla, Sec.-Treas.; and Dr. James Flynn as Additional Governor.

Outdoor Epee: Herbert Spector, Unattached; Edmund Dollinger, Fencers Club; Herman Wallner, N.Y.U.

Women's Outdoor: 1. Vivienne Sokol; 2. Jo Shaff; 3. Betty Dedousis, All of Salle Santelli.

Maryland

by Calvert Schlick, Jr.

The Division's championship competitions resulted as follows:

Women: 1. Mrs. Abbie Rose, Tri-Weapon; 2. Doris Bernard, Int. Y.; 3. Barbara Hanks, Int. Y.

Foil: 1. Bob Lewis, Jewish Community Center; 2. Horace Leavitt, USNA; 3. Harry Enten, J.C.C.

Epee: 1. Mel Hiller, USNA; 2. Al Hurwitz, YMCA; 3. Horace Leavitt, USNA.

Sabre: 1. Bob Lewis, J.C.C.; 2. Bernard Udel, J.C.C.; 3. Lee Stanley, Int. Y.

Women's Team won by the Washington F.C. with Nielson, Newton and Wegener.

Epee Team won by the YMCA with Hurwitz, Rose, Schlick.

THE F.I.E. CONGRESS

The last meeting of the F.I.E. adopted several changes in the rules. They are now being studied by our own Rules Committee and the Board of Governors will probably pass on them at its meeting in September.

The Congress elected Jose de Capriles to the Commission for Rules, but unfortunately Tracy Jaeckel and Miguel de Capriles were not re-elected to their positions on the Commission for Presidents of Juries and the Commission for Statutes, respectively.

Letters Received

Los Angeles, Calif.

"I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much I enjoy your magazine. I only wish it could be published more often. I especially enjoy the technical articles such as the ones by Darnell Every and most recently, on the makings of a champion, by Tracy Jaeckel.

Robert Crawford"

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(Addressed to the Committee in favor of Associate Membership)

"I am glad to see a committee which has more foresight than hindsight. It has been shocking to know how little or nothing has been done about consolidating the great possibilities for membership increase . . . by the stick-in-the-old-traditional-1890-mud attitude of some maybe well-meaning but retarded-point-of-view officials. . . . I am all for including all Pros in good standing . . . it will help to spread the camaraderie and good fellowship, increase the kitty, the interest in active participation, and to make a better and bigger A.F.L.A. . . . It is a pleasure to cooperate with a free thinking committee which shows a fresh and new potent point of view. You may quote my sentiments.

Nickolas Muray

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The photograph shows Hugo Castello, coach of New York University's team, in Brescia, Italy with the famous blade making Polotti family, inspecting their production and selecting blades for use by the many Castello customers.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 25 and 26

The Halberstadt Sabre competition at the Halberstadt School of Fencing, San Francisco, Calif. First round at 8 P.M. on 25th. Entry fee \$1.00.

July 31

Southern California Three-Weapon Individual at the Los Angeles A.C. 8 P.M. Entry fee 50c.

August 7

Southern California Three-Weapon Team at the Los Angeles A.C. 8 P.M. Entry fee \$1.50 per team.

August 16

Faulkner Mixed Doubles at Griffith Park (Riverside side Dr. at Los Feliz) 11 A.M. No entry fee.

August 23

Duff Foils (Women) and **Cathcart Epee (Ink)** at Griffith Park. 10:30 A.M. Entry fee 50c.

September 20

All Eastern Outdoor Epee competition. Henrique Santos medals. Travers Island, N. Y. 10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$2.60.

September 27

All Eastern Outdoor Sabre competition. Pieter Mijer medals. Travers Island, N. Y. 10:30 A.M. Entry fee \$1.60.

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Pacific Coast Championships

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This very successful tournament was held at the Letterman General Hospital Gymnasium, in the Presidio of San Francisco. Thirteen clubs from the Northern and Southern California Divisions were represented and there was one entry from Seattle, Washington.

With the exception of the Greco Three-Weapon Trophy, which was retained by the Southern California Division, new champions were crowned in every team event, and all of them were from Northern California. As though to retaliate, however, every individual open championship was won by Southern California. Sewall Shurtz, now in the Navy but a member of the Faulkner School of Fencing, retained his epee crown. The foil and sabre titles vacated by Edward Carfagno who did not compete were won by Gary Martin and Torao Mori respectively. Martin is "unattached" and Mori is from the Los Angeles A.C. In the women's open Jan York turned the tables on the defending champion Maxine Mitchell, both fencing "unattached" from Southern California.

Five Intermediate events were also held, with the results noted below.

RESULTS

Women's Intermediate

1. Tommy Angell, Halberstadt S. F. (No. Calif.)
2. Trudy Wodgenski, Dragons (So. Calif.)
3. Patricia Powers, Halberstadt S.F. (No. Calif.)

Women's Open

1. Janice Lee York, Unattached (So. Calif.)
2. Maxine Mitchell, Unattached (So. Calif.)
3. Bernadine Meislahn, Faulkner S. F. (So. Calif.)

Intermediate Foil

1. Albert Lambert, Berkeley F. C. (No. Calif.)
2. Richard Cross, Berkeley F. C. (No. Calif.)
3. David Rice, Los Angeles A. C. (So. Calif.)

Open Foil

1. Gary Martin, Unattached, (So. Calif.)
2. Herbert Sauke, Unattached, (So. Calif.)
3. Daniel De La O, Olympic Club (No. Calif.)

Intermediate Epee

1. Jack Nottingham, Seattle, Wash.
2. Salvador de Bellis, Dragons (So. Calif.)
3. Fred Rayer, Los Angeles A.C. (So. Calif.)

Open Epee

1. Sewall Shurtz, USN, Faulkner's (So. Calif.)
2. David Swift, Berkeley F. C. (No. Calif.)
3. Albert Lambert, Berkeley F. C. (No. Calif.)

Intermediate Sabre

1. Sewall Shurtz, USN, Faulkner's (So. Calif.)
2. Gary Martin, Unattached (So. Calif.)
3. Daniel De La O, Olympic Club (No. Calif.)

Open Sabre

1. Torao Mori, Los Angeles A. C. (So. Calif.)
2. Fred Martin, Unattached (So. Calif.)
3. Salvatore Giambra, Olympic Club (No. Calif.)

Women's Intermediate Team won by the Halberstadt School of Fencing, No. California, with Tommy Angell, Frances Carter and Patricia Powers.

Women's Open Team won by the Halberstadt School of Fencing, No. California, with Mary Huddleson, Patricia Powers and Eleanor Turney.

Greco Three-Weapon Team won by the Southern California Division with Gary Martin, Josef Lampl and Torao Mori.

Open Foil Team won by the Olympic Club, No. California, with Gerard Biagini, Daniel De La O and Salvatore Giambra.

Midwest Championships

by Donald S. Thompson
Vice-President, Midwest

The largest number of contestants in the history of Midwest competition participated in the 1953 Midwest Championships held in Bartlett Gymnasium and Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus May 9 and 10. One hundred and twenty-six contestants from 11 divisions took part in a tournament marked by keen competition and good sportsmanship. Chief disappointments of the tournament were the inability of Miss Paula Sweeney of Michigan, top Midwest woman fencer, to defend her championship, and the inability of Jim Campoli, also of Michigan, to defend his foil crown.

Careful planning by the host division (Illinois) and the willing and good natured cooperation of all contestants and officials contributed to making the 1953 tournament one of the smoothest and pleasantest of recent years. The enjoyment of contestants and spectators was heightened by the presence of our president and Olympic team captain, Miguel A. de Capriles who directed the finals and awarded the prizes.

The women's team championship and the combined men's and women's team championship were won by Michigan. The men's team championship was won by Illinois by a margin of one point over Michigan after two days of fencing.

Results

Women's foil (29 contestants)

1. Mrs. Sallye Chambers (Mich.).....7/1
2. Mrs. Sue Thompson (Ill.)6/2
13 vs. 27 for
- *3. Carol Christensen (Mich.)6/2
14 vs. 27 for
- *4. Judy Goodrich (Mich.)6/2
14 vs. 27 for

*Christensen defeated Goodrich in fence-off for third place 4-2

Epee (31 contestants)

- *1. Albert Wolff (Ky.)6/2
- *2. Tom Soddy (Ill.)6/2
3. Donald G. Thompson (Ill.)5/3

*Wolff defeated Soddy in fence-off 3-1

Sabre (33 contestants)

1. Byron Krieger (Mich.)8/0
2. Donald G. Thompson (Ill.)7/1
3. John Westley, Ill.)6/2

Men's foil (33 contestants)

1. Byron Krieger (Mich.)7/1
2. Herman Velasco (Ill.)6/2
24 vs.
3. Arthur Schankin (Mich.)6/2
26 vs

Team Scores:

Division	Women	Men	Total
Michigan	32	81	113
Illinois	14	82	96
Milwaukee	9	42	51
Kentucky	2	42	44
Northern Ohio	10	34	44
St. Louis	18	17	35
Western New York	0	17	35
Minnesota	8	14	22
Cincinnati	0	11	11
Iowa	5	3	8
Georgia	0	1	1

Open Epee Team won by the Berkeley Fencers Club, No. California, with Albert Lambert, Peter Stevenson and David Swift.

Open Sabre Team won by the Olympic Club, No. California, with Gerard Biagini, Frank Giambra and Salvatore Giambra.

Drug Store Sword Fightin'

By Howard A. Hayden

It started out in the same old familiar pattern. Somebody had been given the job of custodian of the division's epee gear. That the "somebody" was not an epee man was deemed of no consequence. So when he showed up at a competition with plenty of ink remover but with no ink the waves of nostalgia could almost be seen.

Harry Jensen is made of more determined stuff. "Let's go out to a local drug store and get some phenolphthalein and mix up some ink ourselves." You know drug stores don't carry phenolphthalein any more," I told him. "Hamburgers with ketchup perhaps, but not phenolphthalein." "Let's try anyway. It'll be two hours before he gets back with the AFLA ink."

So in my role of consultant chemist we drove to the nearest drug store. After the customer with the returned pop bottles had been taken care of and a couple of four-year-olds had picked out their \$.03 worth of gum drops we were told that in the twelve years that pharmacist had been doing business at that corner no one had ever asked for phenolphthalein. Moreover he didn't know where you could get it on Sunday anyhow.

Harry's mind was firmly on ink eradicators. "Do you have any red ink that will be removed by ordinary ink eradicators?" It so happened that he did, a beautiful grape shade of red. "Now," says Harry "what's wrong with mixing that stuff into some toothpaste?"

Well sir, before you knew it we walked out of that store with a tube of Colgate's and two bottles, one of red ink and one of ink eradicator.

They laughed when we came in and sat down at the scorekeeper's table, but we saved the tournament.

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Gary Martin Wins the "Aldo Nadi Criterion"

Los Angeles—The strongest fencers of the Southern California Division were invited to the third edition of this foil tourney: Gary Martin, Pacific Coast Champion 1953; Fred Martin, Southern California Champion 1953; Sauke, second in those two contests, Milletaire, Williams and Lampl. All these fencers are members of the Aldo Nadi Fencing Academy, except Lampl, who represented the Los Angeles Athletic Club, and who was trophy-holder (the trophy must be won twice in succession, or three non-consecutive times). Ed Carfagno and Torao Mori, also invited, declined. The contest was fought with the system of direct elimination in ten touches, a difference of two touches necessary to win, and a maximum of 14 touches in each bout. The fencing was excellent. Maestro Nadi directed.

Results

1st round: Gary Martin and Sauke, byes; Williams d. Lampl 10-8; Milletaire d. Fred Martin 10-7.

Second round: Gary Martin d. Williams 10-6; Milletaire d. Sauke 10-8. **Finals:** Gary Martin d. Milletaire 10-8.

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Canada is a "Warm" Land

by Leonard Turk and George Worth

We want to tell this little yarn to American fencers because it expresses so well the significance of fencing as more than just a series of practice sessions, competitions and arguments about last year's touches.

During the Easter week-end, six fencers from the Salle Santelli were invited by members of the Westmount Y.M.C.A. Fencing Club of Montreal, Canada to stage an exhibition at that "Y". Some of the Salle Santelli men bridled a bit at the thought of spending so much (or what we thought would be so much) money for one week-end. As we think back now, we become frightened at the idea that any of us might have not gone; might have permitted a few dollars to stand in any way of the experience we encountered in Montreal.

We took off on the Night Hawk flight from La Guardia and in two hours we landed at Montreal. It was already late in the morning, past 2:30 A.M. Then we received an indication of the kind of weekend we were in for. Waiting for us at the Montreal airport at that time of the morning was fully a dozen or so persons, all fencers from the Westmount "Y". The welcome they gave us was warm and heartfelt. Eva Kuhn, Maitre d'Armes Stephen Vamos and Roland Asselin were among that group.

That night our little bunch was split up and went off in several directions to the homes of these fencers where comfortable sleeping accommodations were provided. There was none of the cool, indifferent hotel desk clerk's reception for us. No, not during that entire week-end. If one word were to describe best our reception and our own feelings in Montreal, that word would be "warmth." Fencing was like a golden thread, a pleasant common denominator under all of us, holding us together and giving us cause and reason for a completely wonderful feeling of comradeship, tale-swapping and of course actual fencing too.

On Saturday about 3:30 in the afternoon, the exhibition was held at the "Y". There were about 300 people present; the Westmount Fencers' publicity committee had done their job well. The exhibition ran smoothly and one of the persons who enjoyed it most was Robert P. Butrick, the American Consul who was there with his whole family.

George Bouliot, President of the Province of Quebec Fencing Association acted as director and narrator of the exhibition bouts.

The exhibition was interesting and just long enough to completely enchant the audience. I'm sure that many in that audience went out toying with the idea of at least buying a set of foils and masks.

That night the Westmount Fencers gave us a dinner at a charming little European-type restaurant called the Cafe Bristol in downtown Montreal. It was the high point of the day and of the week-end. The warmth we spoke about before spread out over everything.

We can say this with little doubt: the friendship we felt focused on us in Montreal was one of the most satisfying and welcome experiences that has ever happened to us in this sport.

We left for New York Sunday night and again the whole gang came down to the airport with us.

Montreal fencers are an amazingly cosmopolitan group. There are French Canadians, Anglo-Canadians, Swiss, Hungarian, Polish, French, British, and even a transplanted American — Bob Cardozo. The intense interest in the sport among these folks was especially striking. It pointed up very well the fact that we had been taking fencing a bit for granted. These people take nothing for granted. Everything is one big teamwork operation.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC TOURNAMENT

The annual International Tournament sponsored by the Province of Quebec Fencing Association will be held in Montreal during the Labor Day week-end. The schedule is as follows.

Sat., Sept. 5

- 10 A.M.—Tour of Montreal
- 2 PM—Ladies' Foil—Photo-Journal Trophy.

Sun., Sept. 6

- 10 AM—Epee—McConnell Trophy.
- 8 PM—Reception and Entertainment.

Mon., Sept. 7

- 9 AM—Sabre—Joey Richman Trophy.

Anyone wishing additional information and entry forms should write to Mr. David Silverstone at 346 Marlatt St., St. Laurent, Quebec, Canada.

Metropolitan Championships

Foil

Dr. Daniel Bukantz, Fencers Club, retained his title by defeating Ralph Goldstein of the Salle Santelli in a fence-off. The field of 32 entries had been reduced to a final of nine and Goldstein had scored the only victory against Bukantz to force the fence-off. Albert Axelrod, Salle Santelli, placed third on touches over James Strauch, Fencers Club.

Final Round: Bukantz 7/1; Goldstein 7/1; Axelrod 6/2 (22 vs); Strauch 6/2 (25 vs); Neil Lazar, Salle Santelli, 3/4; Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, 2/6; Evan Quinn, NYAC, 1/5; Leonard Turk, Salle Santelli, 1/5; Curtis Ettinger, Fencers Club, 0/7. Fence-off—Bukantz d. Goldstein 5-1.

Epee

Edward Vebell, Fencers Club, led a strong field of 29 entries to capture the epee crown. Second place went to Peter Conomikes of Philadelphia on touches over Ralph Goldstein, Salle Santelli. The defending champion, Frank Bavuso, was eliminated in the semi-finals.

Final Round: Vebell 4/1; Conomikes 3/2 (9 vs); Goldstein 3/2 (12 vs); James Strauch, Fencers Club, 2/3 (10 vs); Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, 2/3 (13 vs); Paul Moss, Salle Santelli, 1/4.

Sabre

George Worth of the Salle Santelli dethroned his club mate Dr. Tibor Nyilas as sabre champion. Thirty-six entries were reduced to a final of twelve. Nyilas placed second and Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, was third.

Final Round: Worth 10/1; Nyilas 9/2; Cohen 8/3; Sol Gorlin, Salle Santelli, 7/4 (38 vs); Steve Sobel, Columbia, 7/4 (39 vs); Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, 6/5 (36 vs); L. Pongo, Salle Santelli, 6/5 (45 vs); Hamilton Millard, Fencers Club, 4/7 (44 vs); Nickolas Muray, NYAC, 4/7 (45 vs); Neil Lazar, Salle Santelli, 2/9 (51 vs); Kevis Kapner, Salle Santelli, 2/9 (52 vs); Alphonse Sully, NYAC, 1/10.

Women

We regret that the results of this event have not been sent to us.

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